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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 14, 1945.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Holman of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers From the Senate

Bill "An Act relating to Animal Husbandry" (S. P. 233) (L. D. 651)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Simplify Finances of the Department of Education" (S. P. 191) (L. D. 490)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Abe Brave-man, of Bangor (S. P. 234) (L. D. 650)

Resolve in favor of John A. Babb, of Dixfield (S. P. 235) (L. D. 649)

Resolve in favor of Maynard Nickerson, of Ridlonville (S. P. 236) (L. D. 648)

Resolve in favor of Jesse C. Sanborn, of Bridgton (S. P. 281)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the Duties of County Commissioners" (S. P. 237) (L. D. 647)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Extend Opportunities for Secondary Education to Children Residing on the Islands Classified as Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 238) (L. D. 646)

Bill "An Act to Extend Opportunities for Secondary Education to Island Children" (S. P. 239) (L. D. 645)

Bill "An Act relating to School Age and Kindergartens" (S. P. 240) (L. D. 644)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Diverting Water by Canals for Mills" (S. P. 241) (L. D. 643)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Public Administrators" (S. P. 242) (L. D. 642)

Bill "An Act relating to Compromise of Claims" (S. P. 243) (L. D. 641)

Bill "An Act relating to Settlement of Suits" (S. P. 244) (L. D. 640)

Bill "An Act relating to Reference or Compromise" (S. P. 245) (L. D. 639)

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Needless Duplication in Travel in State Departments" (S. P. 246) (L. D. 638)

Bill "An Act to Provide for a State Garage for Purchase and Use of State-Owned Automobiles" (S. P. 247) (L. D. 637)

Bill "An Act Relating to State Personnel Law" (S. P. 248) (L. D. 636)

Bill "An Act relating to Preference in State Employment for Veterans" (S. P. 249) (L. D. 635)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Sunday Vaudeville and Concerts" (S. P. 250) (L. D. 634)

Bill "An Act relating to the Fire and Police Commission for the town of Skowhegan" (S. P. 251) (L. D. 633)

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of the Police Department of the city of Lewiston" (S. P. 252) (L. D. 632)

Bill "An Act relating to Term of Office of Chief of Police of the city of Lewiston" (S. P. 253) (L. D. 631)

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Election of a Superintending School

Committee for the town of Caribou" (S. P. 254) (L. D. 630)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Resolve relating to Printed Vital Records (S. P. 255) (L. D. 629)

Resolve relating to Old Printed Laws (S. P. 256) (L. D. 628)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Library.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Library in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Exempting Farmers from Regulations in re Motor Vehicles Used in Intrastate Traffic" (S. P. 257) (L. D. 627)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles in concurrence.

Resolve to Provide for Construction of a State Garage (S. P. 261) (L. D. 626)

Came from the Senate referred to the Joint Select Committee on Post War Planning.

In the House, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Postwar Planning in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Registers of Deeds in Oxford County" (S. P. 262) (L. D. 625)

Bill "An Act to Increase Salary of Sheriff of Kennebec County" (S. P. 263) (L. D. 624)

Bill "An Act relating to Increase of Fees Allowed Jurors" (S. P. 264) (L. D. 623)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Fire Wardens" (S. P. 265) (L. D. 622)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of Western Somerset Municipal Court" (S. P. 266) (L. D. 621)

Bill "An Act to Increase Salaries of Somerset County Officers" (S. P. 267) (L. D. 620)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Registers of Probate" (S. P. 268) (L. D. 619)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Registers of Probate in re Petitions" (S. P. 269) (L. D. 618)

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of the Police Department of

the city of Lewiston" (S. P. 270) (L. D. 617)

(On motion by Mr. Ward of Milloocket, tabled pending reference in concurrence)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Register of Probate and Clerks in Office of Register of Probate in Hancock County" (S. P. 271) (L. D. 616)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of York County" (S. P. 272) (L. D. 615)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Baxter State Park Payments to the Maine Forestry District" (S. P. 274) (L. D. 613)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in concurrence.

Resolve providing for Purchase of Land and Buildings for the State Reformatory for Women (S. P. 273) (L. D. 614)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Tax Returns of Loan and Building Associations" (S. P. 275) (L. D. 612)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Town Reports" (S. P. 276) (L. D. 611)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the Transportation of Forest Products" (S. P. 277) (L. D. 610)

Resolve in favor of the town of Mexico (S. P. 298)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

The following twenty-seven Bills and Resolves which were transmitted by Revisor of Statutes in accordance with Joint Order S. P. 124, were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Claims

Resolve in favor of the town of Smyrna (H. P. 1228) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of the town of Smyrna (H. P. 1229) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to the Sanitary Water Board" (H. P. 1230)

(Presented by Mr. Downs of Rome)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefits" (H. P. 1231) (Presented by Mr. Jones of Waterville)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefits" (H. P. 1232) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Coverage" (H. P. 1233) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1234) (Presented by Mr. Poulin of Rumford)

(On motion of Mr. Poulin, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1235) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1236) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefit Eligibility Conditions" (H. P. 1237) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Extending the Workmen's Compensation Act to Cover Occupational Diseases" (H. P. 1238) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Pollution of the Sebasticook River" (H. P. 1239) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Newport)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Employer Coverage" (H. P. 1240) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Auburn)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Employer Coverage" (H. P. 1241) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Employers' Coverage" (H. P. 1242) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Court Review of Commission Decisions" (H. P. 1243) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending Unemployment Compensation Law as to Claims for Benefits" (H. P. 1244) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Appeals" (H. P. 1245) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Appeal to Courts" (H. P. 1246) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Payment of Benefits" (H. P. 1247) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Law as to Reciprocal Benefit Arrangements" (H. P. 1248) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Employer's Experience Classifications" (H. P. 1249) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Employer's Experience Classifications" (H. P. 1250) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Definitions" (H. P. 1251) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Definitions" (H. P. 1252) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Unemployment Compensation Fund" (H. P. 1253) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Tabled

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Collection of Contributions" (H. P. 1254) (Presented by same gentleman)

(On motion by Mr. Poulin of Rumford, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Jennings of Strong, and Mr. Donahue of Biddeford, be excused for the remainder of the week because of business.

**House Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass**

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Expense Accounts of State Officers" (H. P. 527) (L. D. 258)

Mr. Snow from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Solicitation from City of Lewiston Employees and Officials" (H. P. 430) (L. D. 238)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Members of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 427) (L. D. 235)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Nomination Papers in the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 431) (L. D. 239)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England" (S. P. 77) (L. D. 78)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bill

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Withholding of the Federal Income Tax" (S. P. 31) (L. D. 329)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide for Financing the Change in the Fiscal Year of the city of Auburn (H. P. 99) (L. D. 28)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 131 voted in favor of same and 0 against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be

enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Finally Passed

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Affirming and Validating Certain Elections Held by the Penobscot Indian Tribe (H. P. 5) (L. D. 2)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 134 voted in favor of same and 0 against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to Change the Purposes of the Bingham Associates Fund (H. P. 4) (L. D. 1)

An Act relating to Bonds of Private Detectives (H. P. 97) (L. D. 31)

An Act relating to Claims and Actions Against Executors and Administrators (H. P. 187) (L. D. 60)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve relating to Retirement Pension for Percy E. Averill, of Thomaston, (S. P. 207) (L. D. 477) tabled by that gentleman on February 13th, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Vital Statistics" (H. P. 1216) tabled by that gentleman on February 13th, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time wishes publicly to extend its thanks to the Clerk of the House for a beautiful and well-balanced gavel presented to the Chair yesterday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair deems it advisable at this time to say to the members of the House that it seems advisable that the House hold a Friday session this week, so the

Chair would advise the members of the House to lay their plans accordingly.

If there is no further business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Renouf of Biddeford,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.